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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement and Requirement for Election of
Species in the Official Action dated June 28, 2005.

REMARKS

The Examiner requires restriction between Group I, claims 1-7, 11-17, and 21-27 and
Group II, claims 1, 8-10, 11, 18-20, 21 and 28-30, and further requires an election among six
distinct species.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-7, 11-17 and 21-27. This election is
respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

The restriction requirement between Groups I and II is improper because it fails to satisfy
the criteria set forth in the M.P.E.P. for restriction. Group II is not independent or distinct from

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